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SUBJ: ALLEGED UAE LOAN TO PORTUGAL

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1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH JOHN BUTTER, SHAIKH ZAYID'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR, AND WITH THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, AND NEITHER OF THEM KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT APPROACH BY PORTUGAL TO THIS GOVERNMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT IT HASN'T HAPPENED, BUT IF ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE BY UAEG WERE BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED ONE OR OTHER OF THESE SOURCES WOULD PROBABLY KNOW ABOUT IT. IN ANY CASE, FIGURE MENTIONED IN REFTEL--500 MILLION DOLLARS-- IS WAY OUT OF LINE WITH ANYTHING THAT UAEG CAN AFFORD AT PRESENT TIME (IT IS CURRENTLY HAVING TO STRETCH OUT DISBURSEMENTS UNDER PAST COMMITMENTS.).

2. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS ONLY CONTACT BETWEEN GOP AND UAEG THAT HE KNOWS ABOUT WAS TELEGRAM RECEIVED HERE FROM LISBON ABOUT 3 MONTHS AGO INVITING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT REPLY WELCOMING THIS, BUT HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER. WE ALSO RECALL THAT MINISTER OF PLANNING AL-KINDI WAS IN PORTUGAL SOME TIME BACK (WE BELIEVE TO TAKE DELIVERY OF CARGO SHIP PUR-
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CHASED THERE) BUT HE WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE EFFECTIVE UAEG

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